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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 13, 2000 OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to a September 13, 2000 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 13, 2000 Office Action was originally due December 13, 2000. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. Applicants have previously established small entity status. The required fee for a three month extension of time for a small entity is \$445.00 and a check in this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the September 13, 2000 Office Action is now due March 13, 2001. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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